



2015 SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Skinner State Park

10 Skinner State Park Road; Hadley, MA 01035

Park Interpreters: Matt & Donovan. Park Phone Number: (413) 586-0350

All programs are free and open to the public.

Parking fee of \$5.00 per vehicle for MA vehicles, \$6.00 for out of state vehicles.

Reasonable accommodations are available upon request, for more information please call the park.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Unless noted all programs are at the Summit House.

Mount Holyoke Summit House Hours

Labor Day weekend 10 AM to 6 PM

Saturdays and Sundays after Labor Day 10 AM to 5 PM

Follow in the footsteps of visitors from the nineteenth century and walk around and explore the only remaining Victorian Summit House in New England. Sign your name in the guest book, view historic photographs, take in the view from the deck and speak to the park interpreter about the history of this fantastic building. See the view former Massachusetts Senator Charles Sumner praised in 1847 saying “*I have been all over England, have travelled through all the Highlands of Scotland; I have passed up and down the Rhine, have ascended Mount Blanc, and stood on the Campagna at Rome, but have never seen anything so surpassingly lovely as this.*”

Changing Landscapes Hike

Mondays, 10 AM (No hike September 28)

Take a guided walk through the woods. Learn about how forests in Massachusetts have changed since European colonization, and how they are continuing to change. This program is intended for those budding naturalists interested in the history of forests in Massachusetts. This program is appropriate for adults and older children accompanied by an adult.

MEET AT THE HALFWAY PARKING AREA. This hike is approximately 1.5 miles over moderate terrain. Please bring water, bug spray, and sunscreen and wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Wild Woods Walk

Tuesdays, 10 AM (No hike September 29)

Ever wondered about some of the things you've seen or heard in your backyard? Join one of our interpreters as we hike at a leisurely pace over easy terrain and learn about the wild plants, birds, and animals we come across, and how we can affect their lives. Bring any questions you may already have about the wild woods! This program is appropriate for adults and children accompanied by adults.

MEET AT THE HALFWAY PARKING AREA. This hike is approximately 2 miles over moderate terrain. Please bring water, bug spray, and sunscreen and wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Speaking with Skulls

Tuesdays, 3 PM (No program September 30)

You might think that the dead don't talk, but you might be surprised! Come examine the skulls of local animals and see what a bunch of old bones can tell you. Appropriate for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Fitness Hike

Thursday, September 10 and 24 at 9:30 AM

Why walk on a treadmill when you can hike among the sights and sounds of nature? Join the park interpreter for a fitness hike and learn a bit about the wildlife, plants, and natural features of the park.

MEET AT THE HALFWAY PARKING AREA. This hike is approximately 2 miles over moderate terrain. Please bring water, bug spray, and sunscreen and wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Raptors over the Range

Thursdays at 3 PM

Saturdays and Sundays after Labor Day at 1 PM

Every fall the annual raptor migration passes right over Mount Holyoke and the rest of the range. Come hear about the hawks, falcons, and eagles that travel south for the winter and learn what you need to know about watching them on their trip south. **MEET ON THE SUMMIT HOUSE DECK.**

Geology Hike

Fridays at 9:30 AM (No hike September 11)

Scattered throughout Mount Holyoke is geological evidence to how the Pioneer Valley formed. Come see these pieces of history and find out how the shape of the Pioneer Valley came to be what we know today.

MEET ON THE SUMMIT HOUSE DECK. This hike is approximately 2.5 miles over moderate to steep terrain. Please bring water, bug spray, and sunscreen and wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Trepidation on the Tramway – Getting up the Mountain

Fridays at 3 PM (No hike September 11)

Riding the Mount Holyoke Tramway was a new experience for visitors to the Summit House. Learn about the tramway and experience the mix of feelings of 19th century visitors had when riding it. **MEET ON THE SUMMIT HOUSE DECK.** Appropriate for ages 12+.

Sightseeing at the Summit: A Tour of the Summit House

Labor Day Weekend – 11 PM, 2 PM, and 4 PM

Saturdays and Sundays after Labor Day – 11 AM and 3 PM

Take a tour of the historic Mount Holyoke Summit House and find out why it was such a popular attraction in the 19th century. **Tour size is limited**, sign up at the Summit House desk to reserve your spot. Tour starts from the Summit House front desk. Appropriate for ages 12+.